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In re application of : April 14, 2004  
S Parkin : Group Art Unit: 1762  
Serial No.: 10/734,425 : Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: December 12, 2003 : San Jose, California  
Title: Mg-Zn oxide tunnel barriers and method of formation

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before receiving a first Office Action on the merits for the above-identified patent application. (No fee is due.)

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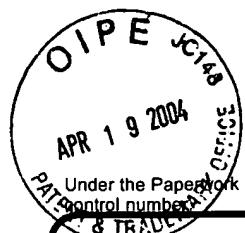
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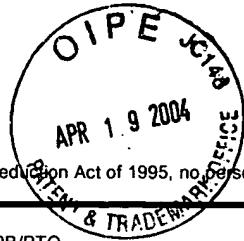
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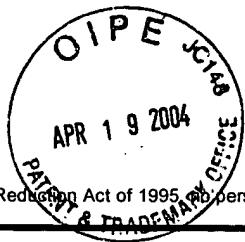
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